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Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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Applicants have amended select figures in the following

10/28/2002 manner. Figure 6 has been renumbered as Figure 5 and the line of
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01 FC:1202 element 12 contained therein, has been amended to properly point
to the element to which it refers; Figure 7, on the same sheet
as original Figure 6, has been renumbered as Figure 6; The line
of element 20 of Figure 12 has been amended to properly point to
the element to which it refers; In Figure 18, elements 20 and 22
have been renumbered as 22 and 20, respectively; The line of
element 20 of Figure 19 has been amended to properly point to the
element to which it refers; Lastly, the line of element 34 in

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